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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the action mailed March 20, 2001, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal on September 19, 2001. An RCE is being filed herewith. Please amend the application as follows and consider the following remarks.

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph:

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-- In preferred embodiments: the antagonist has a disulfide bridge between residues R⁷ and R¹⁶; the disulfide ring includes ten amino acids; the antagonist is deleted for any or all of the residues between R¹ and R⁶; the antagonist is deleted for one or both of the residues between R¹⁸ and R¹⁹; the antagonist has at least 70, 80, or 90% homology with human, rat or salmon MCH; the antagonist has 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or more residues within the ring modified or substituted with a nonconserved amino acid. --

In the claims:

~~Cancel claims 1-46.~~

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